

U-BOATS SINK 17 BRITISH, 1 FRENCH VESSEL IN WEEK

LONDON, Dec. 20.—German submarines took a toll of fourteen British vessels of more than 1,000 tons and three of a smaller tonnage, according to the admiralty report for the past week.

FRENCH VESSEL SINKS "SUB" WHICH TORPEDOED CRUISER CHATEAURENAULT

PARIS, Dec. 20.—An official report states that the German submarine that on December 11 sank the old French cruiser Chateaufrenault, has been destroyed by a shell from another French vessel.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Dec. 20.—The master of an American vessel that has just reached here announces the sinking early in December of the

Slight Decrease In U-Boat Sinkings

A slight decrease in the losses of British merchantmen by mine or submarine in the past week is noted in the admiralty report.

Table with columns: Average number sunk per week, and a list of dates from Feb. 17 to Dec. 16 with corresponding numbers.

The average tonnage of British vessels above 1,000 tons is 4,500.

British steamer City of Naples by a submarine. The ship was under convoy at the time.

ITALIAN DEPUTIES TALK WAR.

ROME, Dec. 20.—A secret session of the chamber of deputies was held today for debate on the war situation.

CHRISTMAS MAIL DELIVERY BREAKS ALL U. S. RECORDS

Three hundred thousand mailmen are toiling night and day to deliver America's holiday mail—the biggest in history—by Christmas eve.

Records Shattered.

Mail movement records have been shattered throughout the country ever since mid-November, Praeger said.

Has Believed Centers.

"The ships have relieved transfer centers of two cars a day ever since December 12," said Praeger, "and they are now relieving them of about seven cars a day."

"We are in the midst of the final spurt now. We will hit the heaviest volume about tomorrow and unless something goes amiss, all America's Christmas mail will be at its front door by Christmas eve."

U. S. RAIL MISSION TO CONTINUE ITS WORK IN RUSSIA

The American railway mission to Russia, which has been on the job for many months rebuilding the railroads, is continuing its work.

Millions of dollars of American money—not so much in Government loans, which are backed by the credit of the allies and the Russian empire—but in investments made by the great foreign trade interests of the country, are involved.

Private interests have placed a plea for the continuance of the mission before Administration officials.

They ask that the mission be not recalled and its work abandoned "until the situation becomes hopeless."

Of great importance.

Successful conclusion of the work of the mission will not only have a far-reaching and lasting economic effect, but its political and strategic importance are being heavily weighed by the United States and our allies.

The enormity of the work done in Russia, both by the American Government and by the private business interests of the country, is but little comprehended outside the circle of those responsible.

The American Railway Mission has transformed much of Russian transportation as if by magic.

The private interests, heavily involved in Russia, give urgency to their plea.

Develop Russian Trade.

Some of the biggest foreign trade firms in New York, on both the import and export side, as well as those of other cities, have gone heavily on Russia since the early days of the European war.

Millions spent.

Millions of dollars' worth of up-to-the-minute American railway equipment and supplies has gone into the building of transportation lines.

No matter what happens in a political way in Russia, it seems assured that no effort will be spared to secure for America the economic and trade advantage that was anticipated from the greatest foreign trade campaign ever undertaken in the history of the nation.

COAL AND OIL LANDS TO BE GIVEN PUBLIC

A new era of development in the West, by the unlocking of natural resources is predicted by Western members of Congress in charge of the coal and oil land leasing bills and the water power bill.

GERMAN PEOPLE MUST BE SLUBBED, SAYS TAFT

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—That the United States should fight the German people as well as the German Kaiser, was the declaration here of former President Taft, in addressing a manufacturers' convention now in session here.

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W. L. RELEASE LIEGE HERO.

Official advices received at the Belgian legation here yesterday are that General Leman, the hero of Liege in the invasion of 1914, is to be released from the German prison where he has since been confined, and permitted to take up his residence in Switzerland or France.

'Don't Care' Actress Gets Divorce



EYA TANGUAY.

who has been granted a divorce in Chicago from John W. Ford, her dancing partner, to whom she was married at Ann Arbor, Mich., in 1913.

KEEL FOR FIRST SHIP IN NEW U. S. PROGRAM IS LAID

The keel for the first fabricated steel ship in the Submarine Boat Corporation's yards at Newark Bay, N. J., was laid today by Edward N. Hurley, chairman of the Shipping Board.

400 ENGINEER CAMP GRADUATES ASSIGNED

Four hundred commissioned officers of the engineer corps of the United States army, who have been taking a special course of instruction in trench warfare at Camp American University, today completed the work and were assigned duty at various camps and cantonments where troops are being trained.

WIFE FAILS AS VALET, SO HUBBY GETS DIVORCE

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 20.—Mainly because his wife, Bridget, did not take proper care of his union suits and one evening entirely ignored his request to get his supper until late in the night while she chatted with a friendly chap on their front stoop, John Fitzgerald, sixty-seven years old, got a divorce in Judge Hart's court.

MAN LOSES 'SUITCASE,' POLICE LOOK FOR 'BOOZE'

Police of the Eighth Precinct today are on a "booze" hunt in "dry" Washington. It came about this way: Charles Hunt, who lives at 1528 Tenth street northwest, had a suitcase, and inside of it seven quarts of liquor. Charles wanted a cup of coffee also, and entered a lunch room at Seventeenth street and Florida avenue northwest.

VICE PRESIDENT'S DINNER TO PAGES TO BE HOOVERIZED

Fierce will be the onslaught on turkey, cranberry sauce, mince pie, and oysters, not to mention other objectives of the appetite, when the Senate pages line up Saturday for the annual Christmas dinner given them by Vice President Marshall.

FOUND DEAD ON STREET.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 20.—Joseph O'Neil, sixty-seven years old, of the Lyndhurst Hotel, Newport News, Va., was found dead on the street here early today.

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DON'T worry! Go to your grocer—get some BRER RABBIT molasses and make these delicious Creole candies:

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Add Five Years to Life By Fighting Germans; Here Are Your Chances

Fritz-fighting adds five years to your life and has its merits in several other ways, according to late Canadian statistics.

He has 25 chances of coming home to 1 of being killed.

He has 98 chances of recovering from a wound to 2 of dying.

He will live five years longer because of the physical training.

He has better medical care at the front than at home.

Only 19 per cent of the men disabled for further military service have been unfit to resume their former occupations.

Less men die of disease than in any war in history.

WOMEN OUTNUMBER MEN 3 TIMES IN SEEKING DIVORCES

Divorce statistics for the District of Columbia this year show that men are in the majority of those having called to fulfill marital vows.

Three times as many wives filed suits for divorce as men.

Between January 1 and yesterday 257 divorce suits have been filed—212 by women and 45 by men.

Fifty-seven men have applied for absolute divorces and seventy-one women; nine of the men applicants asked for limited divorces, while the number of women petitioning for limited divorce was eighty-six.

The record for 1916 is similar to that of this year, with 276 divorce suits filed, of which 141 were for absolute divorce, eighty-six by wives and thirty-five by husbands.

The court docket shows that in 1915 280 divorce suits were filed—133 for absolute divorce, seventy-five by women and fifty-seven by men.

Nearly twelve times as many women charge cruelty than men.



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Advertisement for H. L. Abramson's Holiday Wearing Apparel. Includes text: 'Take Santa's Timely Tip', 'COME RIGHT INTO ABRAMSON'S TOMORROW AND BUY YOUR Holiday Wearing Apparel', 'Christmas pressure on your purse should not be allowed to stand in the way of new, clothes for you or your family.', 'Little things you can buy at the last moment, pay cash for them and carry them home—but clothes should be bought earlier. Come in, select what you want—charge it.', 'PAY AS YOU WEAR \$1.00 Per Week', 'Clothes for the Entire Family', 'H. L. Abramson 7th and L Sts. N. W.'

Advertisement for Southern Railway Company. Includes text: 'To the People Of the South:', 'Every year the normal travel is greatly increased during the Holiday Season. This year it will be swelled by the return to their homes for Christmas of a large number of the troops now in camp in the South. Furthermore, an extraordinary current traffic in military supplies, fuel and necessary commercial freight may be expected during the holidays to limit our ability to provide comfortable passenger transportation.', 'In view of these conditions Southern Railway Company earnestly appeals to the traveling public not to attempt trips during the Christmas Holidays except there be urgent necessity, to the end that those who must travel may do so with a minimum of inconvenience.', 'SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY. By FAIRFAX HARRISON, President. Washington, D. C., December 18, 1917.'

Advertisement for Brer Rabbit Molasses. Includes text: 'is the Xmas Candy Problem Worrying You—because Sugar is Scarce?', 'DON'T worry! Go to your grocer—get some BRER RABBIT molasses and make these delicious Creole candies:', 'BRER RABBIT "PARISH OF ORLEANS" CARAMELS', 'BRER RABBIT OLD FASHIONED MOLASSES CANDY', 'BRER RABBIT VIRGINIA PEANUT CANDY', 'BRER RABBIT GRAN' MAMMY POP CORN GOODIES', 'CUTICURA Quickly Heals Eczemas, Rashes, Itchings and Irritations', 'MAN LOSES "SUITCASE," POLICE LOOK FOR "BOOZE"', 'WIFE FAILS AS VALET, SO HUBBY GETS DIVORCE', 'COAL AND OIL LANDS TO BE GIVEN PUBLIC', 'GERMAN PEOPLE MUST BE SLUBBED, SAYS TAFT', 'W. L. RELEASE LIEGE HERO.', 'VICE PRESIDENT'S DINNER TO PAGES TO BE HOOVERIZED', 'FOUND DEAD ON STREET.', 'These recipes are from the Brer Rabbit Recipe Book of Southern Cakes and Candies. This book is sent free on request. Write Penick & Ford, Ltd., New Orleans—today.', 'There are two kinds of Brer Rabbit Both Contain a Large Percentage of Real Sugar', 'The GOLD LABEL BRER RABBIT', 'The GREEN LABEL BRER RABBIT', 'The GOLD LABEL is a special grade of New Orleans Molasses. Very delicate and sweet in flavor and light in color. Slightly higher in price than the GREEN LABEL. It contains more sugar.', 'The GREEN LABEL is a splendid grade New Orleans Molasses, stronger in flavor and slightly darker in color than the GOLD LABEL.', 'WHETHER you prefer the GOLD LABEL or the GREEN LABEL is a matter of your own taste. Both are selected grades of pure New Orleans Molasses from New Orleans, and both make a delicious spread for pancakes, waffles, biscuits, bread, etc. A pitcher should always be on the dining table. Your grocer sells Brer Rabbit Molasses.', 'PENICK & FORD, Ltd. The Largest Cannery of Molasses in the World NEW ORLEANS, LA.', 'Brer Rabbit Molasses', 'NEW ORLEANS MOLASSES FROM NEW ORLEANS'